encourage the voluntary work being done by the families of officers to raise funds to help ordinary service personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Defence lands are meant for meeting the present and future needs of the Defence forces and are not meant for commercial use. No Defence land has been declared surplus to such needs at present.

The requests of social service organisations, associated with Defence forces,for allotment of Defence land to carry out voluntary worksare considered as per the existing Defence land policy.

Pak Preparedness in Kashmir

1105. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is preparing for a big offensive in Kashmir and other areas; and

(b) if so, the action taken to counter 2500 militants waiting along the LoC to cross over to India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) While it is well known that certain Pakistani agencies have been supporting and sponsoring terrorist organisations that have been trying to raise the level of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, there are no indications to suggest that any big offensive is likely to be launched by Pakistan in the near future.

(b) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of elements hostile to India.

Pockets occupied by Pakistan in Kargil

1106. SHRI R.K. AN AND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that all areas occupied by Pakistan during

the Kargil War have been got vacated and no pockets of such intrusion remain uncleared; and

(b) if not, what are the pockets still in occupation of Pakistan and what steps are being taken to get them cleared?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of School by CSD funds

1107. SHRI R. K. AN AND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a corpus of rupees 5 crores have been taken from the Canteen Stores Department to construct a Civil Services School, 'Sanskriti* in Delhi, for the Children for senior IAS Officers serving in Delhi;

(b) who is heading the school and in what capacity;

(c) the details of the other sources of funds for the establishement of school; and

(d) what is the constitution of the school?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A sum of Rs. 5 crores was allocated to the 'Civil Services Society', as Grants-in-Aid in March 1996 from the trade surplus of the Canteen Stores Department, with the approval of the Chairman, Board of Control, Canteen Services, for part financing the establishment of a school, for the children of officers of All India & Central Services, Armed Forces, public sector undertakings & general public.

(b) Smt. Gowri Ishwaran is heading the school, in the capacity of the Principle, since April, 1999.

(c) Apart from the Ministry of Defence, the Society received a sum of Rs. 9.34 crores for the establishment of the school from the follwoing agencies, namely Ministry of Human Resources Development, Foreign Services Wives